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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Today I write to voice my support of the Microsoft settlement. It is true that the Microsoft Corporation has been at the forefront of the technology industries in recent years. Their leadership, however, is the result of a dedication to excellence that is not matched within the industry. The result is the continual production of quality products that out perform any substitutes. This is in by no means a crime. I therefore take issue with the federal pursuit of a case based upon outdated statutes.

Regardless of this opinion, I believe that the settlement agreement is in the best interests of the public. Too much time has already been spent in the litigation process and the entire technology industry has suffered for it. Further, anyone wary of Microsoft's compliance with the terms of the agreement should be eased as the agreement calls for the formation of a watchdog group.

I adamantly believe that enacting the settlement will encourage confidence and growth within the tech industry. The Justice Department should suppress any opposition to the enactment of this settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Buecheler".

Lori Buecheler